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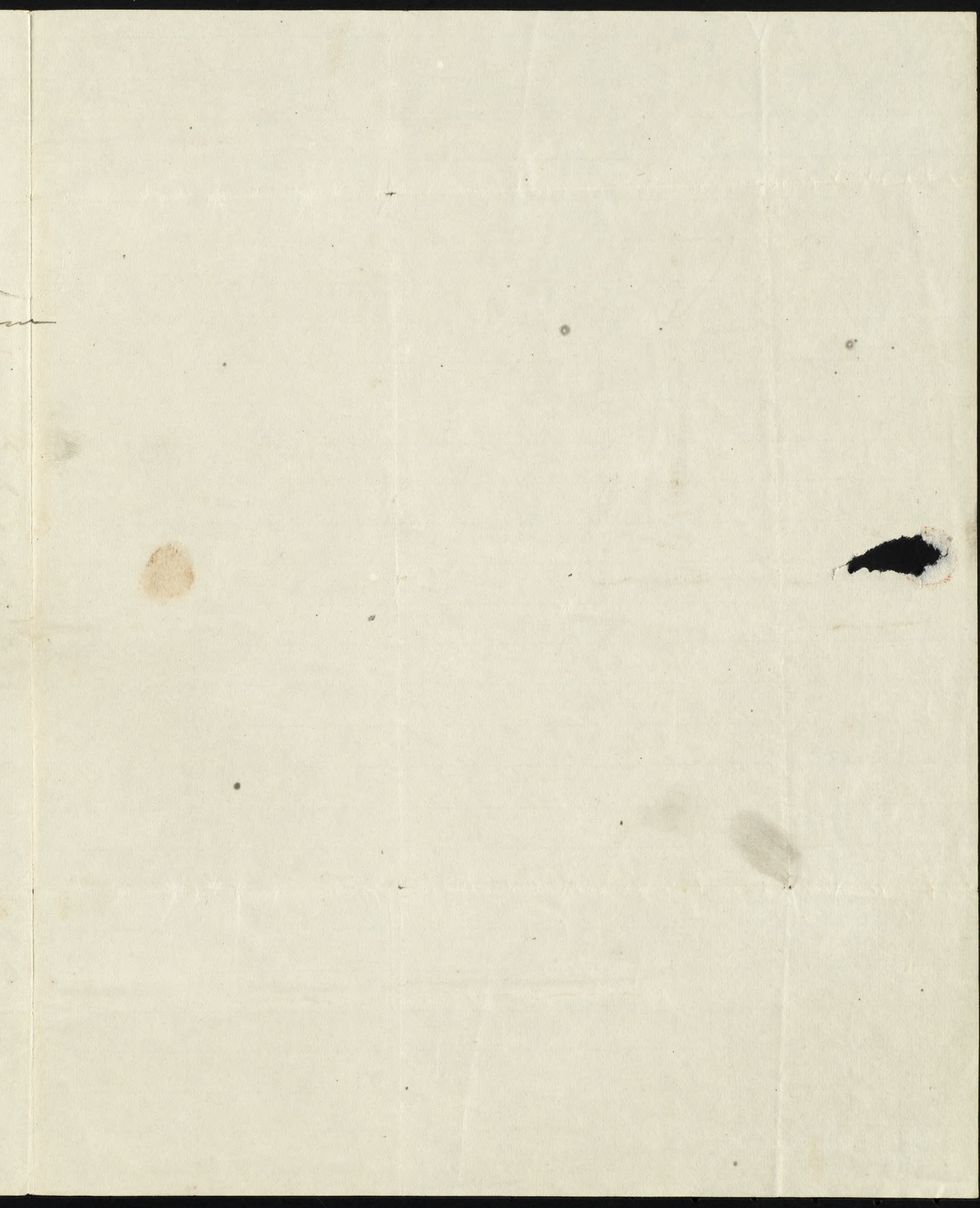
Salem July 15th 1841

Dear friend Garrison. There has been much commis-  
 sionance between us on the subject of the first of Aug. Cele-  
 bration. The last few lines you wrote us as for me to see Mr  
 Duncan & settle in an amicable manner. This is impos-  
 sible. It has been tried by many of the Old Stangers to unite with  
 him but all to no effect. For my part I have done all in my  
 power to keep united & now I wish to have it understood by  
 all. That it is the general wish of the Colored friends in Salem  
 to Celebrate. Monday the 2d & all are invited without respect to party  
 which have concluded to unite except Mr Duncan and a few who  
 will not join with our Sunday School is the most importa-  
 nt of all. I for this Cause if no other it will not do to put it  
 off we are now fast preparing them to appear well on the  
 occasion. I see you quote Mr Mr Whitey having his expenses  
 guaranteed to him from Mansfield, <sup>you would come</sup> upon consideration the expense  
 of giving you the trouble & as you are not able to come. I would  
 you have not written to him. <sup>the Committee</sup> Not to write <sup>wish me to see that as</sup> Mr. Mr. Shensham  
 from the land of the Emancipated is in the vicinity & would be  
 happy to give ~~some~~ an address to the purpose & upon consideration  
 we feel him to be a very suitable person. Please ask Mr. Bell to  
 extend invitations to all his friends to join us on the occasion  
 & further arrangements as to the time & place I will write you as soon  
 as next Tuesday to publish in the Liberator. For next Monday even-  
 ing is our last meeting. Your friend The Thanks of all your friends



for your kind advice & the trouble you have been to  
to & hope to demand for it at some future day & may  
the blessing of God rest upon you & yours & soon have  
the day for the deliverance from the hand of the oppressors  
hands over punishing ~~brethren~~ in bonds. May God in his mercy  
speed the day ~~written~~ by request of the Committee.  
Yours faithfully John S. Thomas Sen









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